[19th October 1927

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" It is said, Sir, in answer to clause (*a*) (3) that the Industrial Engineer 'had no training in power drills before the appointment to the department." May I ask, Sir, why he was recruited to the post when he was not experienced in power-drilling ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" Presumably because he was considered to be qualified for the post."

Research work made by the Industrial Engineer.

* 664 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) what are the Industrial and Engineering projects investigated by the Industrial Engineer during the last five years and how many of them have been worked out ;

(*b*) what are the items of research work successfully conducted by him in his workshop and which, if any, of them, could be considered to have any scientific value or to be incapable of being undertaken by private engineering firms ; and

(*c*) whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to place on the table a report of the research work carried on by the Industrial Engineer ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no further information to add to what is contained in the answer to question No. 661. The annual administration reports of the department also detail all work of any importance done by in the Engineering Branch of the Industries department.

(*c*) A report is appended.[a]

Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether any projects were investigated by the Industrial Engineer and some improvements made in that direction ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" I have nothing to add to the answer given, Sir."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Introduction of the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923, in this province.

* 666 Q.—Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur : With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 206, dated 3rd March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any further action in the matter of extending the provisions of Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923, to this province, and if not, why not ?

A.—At the suggestion of certain Muslim Members of this Council who were consulted on the question, the Government have since called for more detailed information regarding the wakf properties in this Presidency in order to enable them to judge the need or otherwise for the application of the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923. The Government of India have also been requested to inform this Government of the results of the working of the Act in other provinces.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 216 infra.